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SUBJECT: REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET-NAM

1. ON APRIL 8, 1975 THE PRESIDENT SIGNED PRESIDENTIAL

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DETERMINATION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FY 1975 FUNDS UNDER

THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET-NAM LOCATED IN THIRD COUNTRIES. FUNDS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO STATE APPROPRIATION FOR MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. THESE FUNDS WILL BE MANAGED BY OFFICE OF REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS (S/R:ORM).

2. THESE FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO COVER EXPENSES ATTENDANT TO CARE AND MAINTENANCE (SHELTER, FOOD, CLOTHING, MEDICINE, ETC.), IMMIGRATION AND RESETTLEMENT COUNSELLING; DOCUMENTATION COSTS; TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, ETC.

3. THIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE GRANTED TO REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET-NAM (INCLUDING DIPLOMATS) WHO HAVE A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION IF THEY RETURNED TO COMMUNIST-DOMINATED AREAS OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIET-NAM AND WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUCH ASSISTANCE. EMPLOYEES OF THIRD-COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS, FIRMS WHOSE CONTRACTS OR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR HELP, DEPENDENTS OF AMERICANS, OR

PERSONS SEEKING BETTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE. FUNDS ARE LIMITED.

4. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WE EXPECT TO ADMINISTER ASSISTANCE, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLAGS. WHERE SUCH AGENCIES ARE NOT REPRESENTED, WE MAY ASK U. S. EMBASSIES TO ASSIST.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE POST ESTIMATE OF POSSIBLE AMOUNTS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. HOST GOVERNMENTS CAN BE INFORMED OF ABOVE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS IF NEED ARISES.

6. WE EXPECT THAT SOME CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WILL WISH TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT OTHERS WILL WISH TO SETTLE IN THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE AND THAT SOME MAY OPT TO RETURN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. A FEW MAY WISH TO RESETTLE IN PLACE AND WE WOULD WELCOME FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION ON REQUESTS FOR SUCH RESETTLEMENT FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE CONSIDERING PAROLE OF CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNABLE TO ESTABLISH IMMIGRANT VISA ELIGIBILITY, CANNOT RESETTLE IN A THIRD COUNTRY AND WHO BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATION WITH U. S. FACE DEATH OR PERSECUTION BY COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IF THEY RETURN TO CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM. WE ARE HOWEVER AT THIS TIME UNABLE TO PROVIDE HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH FIRM ASSURANCES THAT WE WILL RESETTLE CAMBODIANS AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE IN U. S. KISSINGER

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